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COLLECTOR OF TAXES

R. C. SWETT

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. L. COBURN

H. L. SMITH

E. H. STAPLES

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

H. W. COBURN

HEALTH OFFICER

R. C. SWETT

Town Warrant

FRANKLIN, SS.

STATE OF MAINE

To C. E. White, Constable of the Town of Carthage, in said County,
GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Carthage, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Grange Hall, Berry Mills, in said town, on Monday, the sixth day of March, A. D. 1922, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for the repair of roads and bridges.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for winter roads.

ART. 5. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State aid, as provided in section 19 of chapter 25 of the Public Laws of 1916.

ART. 6. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of three hundred dollars for the improvement of the section of the State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of

ways, highways and bridges, the above amount being the maximum amount which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of section 18, chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

ART. 7. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for the support of common schools.

ART. 8. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for text-books and supplies.

ART. 9. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for schoolhouse repairs.

ART. 10. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for school office expense.

ART. 11. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for schoolhouse insurance.

ART. 12. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for schoolhouse flags.

ART. 13. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for superintending of schools.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote and raise the interest on school fund, being forty-five dollars (\$45).

ART. 15. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for the support of the poor.

ART. 16. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for current expenses.

ART. 17. To see how much money the town will vote and raise to cover overdrawn accounts.

ART. 18. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for the care and repair of silent policeman.

ART. 19. To see how much money the town will vote and raise toward support of a Public Health nurse under direction of the Franklin County Public Health Association, the sum raised to be paid over to a local town committee for expenditure in the interests of the people of this town.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to give a discount on all taxes, poll taxes excepted, for the 1922 commitment, paid on or before August 20th, 1922, and raise a sum of money therefor.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes of the year 1922 commitment, that remain unpaid November 15th, 1922.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as prepared by the municipal officers, treasurer and town clerk.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to give Warren Pettengill an abatement of any part of his tax for the year 1921 commitment.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, at the shop of Lester S. Libby, Berry Mills, in said town, on March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th next, between the hours of ten and eleven-thirty o'clock in the forenoon, and at the Grange Hall, Berry Mills, at nine-thirty o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Carthage this sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1922.

LESTER S. LIBBY,

GUY C. ROBBINS,

R. G. NOYES,

Selectmen of Carthage.

Assessors' Report

Real estate, resident	\$62,086 00
Real estate, non-resident	85,621 00
Supplementary	925 00
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Total real estate	\$148,632 00
Personal estate, resident	\$25,993 00
Supplementary	127 00
Personal estate, non-resident	5,500 00
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	\$31,620 00
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Sum total	\$180,252 00
Total value of land	\$119,380 00
Total value of buildings	28,327 00

No. polls taxed, 72.
 No. polls not taxed, 12.
 Rate per poll, \$3.00.
 Rate of taxation, .038.
 Rate of collection, .02.

LIVESTOCK STATISTICS

	NO.	AV. VAL.	TOTAL VAL.
Horses	69	\$102 17	\$7,040 00
Colts under 2 years	2	42 50	85 00
Cows	133	24 23	3,223 00
Oxen	1	50 00	50 00
Three years old	37	22 41	829 00
Two years old	46	17 74	8 17
Sheep, over 35 in number	10	4 00	40 00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK

	NO.	AV. VAL.	TOTAL VAL.
One year old	39	\$12 28	\$479 00
Sheep	204	4 31	879 00
Swine	34	14 56	495 00

OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

	NO.	
Stock in trade		\$2,000 00
Logs		1,596 00
Hard wood		2,485 00
Lumber		5,775 00
Carriages	22	623 00
Automobiles	19	5,500 00
Musical instruments	8	505 00
Finished products in mill		600 00
Material in stock		120 00
Machinery not taxed as real estate		205 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

Summer roads and bridges	\$1,600 00
Winter roads	300 00
Improvement of State Aid roads	300 00
Common schools	1,700 00
Permanent school fund	45 00
Text-books and supplies	75 00
Schoolhouse repairs	175 00
Schoolhouse insurance	25 00
Superintendent	228 75
Flag for schoolhouse	7 50
Support of poor	100 00
Current expenses	800 00
Discount on taxes	200 00
State tax	1,095 38
County tax	308 49

Overlay	\$65 48
Supplementary tax	45 19
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Total commitment,	\$7,070 79

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER S. LIBBY,

GUY C. ROBBINS,

R. G. NOYES,

Assessors of Carthage.

COMMON SCHOOLS

Balance, 1920-21	\$ 230 64	
Appropriation	1,700 00	
Interest on school fund	45 00	
Town of Weld, tuition	20 00	
State, school and mill fund	214 06	
State, common school fund	335 13	
State, equalization fund	87 00	
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Available		\$2,631 83
Distribution 1921 equalization fund	\$ 240 00	
Teachers' salaries	1,515 00	
Fuel	124 45	
Janitors	50 00	
Transportation	417 00	
Tuition, town of Wilton	76 20	
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		\$2,422 65
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Unexpended		\$209 18

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Balance, 1920-21	\$410 22	
State	40 00	
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Available		\$450 22

Town of Wilton, tuition	\$20 00	
Town of Dixfield, tuition	50 00	
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Unexpended		<hr/> \$380 22

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Balance, 1920-21	\$22 88	
Appropriation	75 00	
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Available		\$97 88
Expended	\$129 79	
Overdrawn		\$32 91

REPAIRS

Appropriation		\$175 00
Overdraft, 1920-21	\$104 06	
Mills	17 64	
Newman	22 00	
Potter	4 92	
	<hr/>	\$148 62
Unexpended		<hr/> \$26 38

INSURANCE

Balance, 1920-21	\$ 6 91	
Appropriation	25 00	
Overcharge on policy	2 85	
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Available		\$34 76
Policy on Newman, Ellis and Potter		31 54
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Unexpended		\$3 22

FLAGS

Appropriation		\$7 50
Expended, flag, flag pole, etc., Potter	\$7 50	

SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation	\$228 75	
State, equalization fund	50 00	
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Available		\$278 75
Overdraft, 1920-21	\$ 13 25	
H. W. Coburn, salary	240 00	
H. W. Coburn, equalization fund	50 00	
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		\$303 25
Overdrawn	\$24 50	

OFFICE EXPENSE

Balance, 1920-21		\$8 68
Holt Brothers, printing	\$3 04	
One-fourth rent Farmers' telephone	2 00	
H. W. Coburn, postage, telephone, etc.	7 67	
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		\$12 71
Overdrawn	\$4 03	
Total receipts school department		\$3,684 62
Total expenses school department		3,126 06
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Balance		\$558 56

SUMMER ROADS

Town raised	\$1,600 00	
Overdrawn, 1920	\$362 25	
Set apart for patrol and 50-50	336 62	
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		\$698 87
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Available		\$901 13
Expended	\$1,093 70	
Overdrawn		\$192 57

WINTER ROADS

Town raised	\$300 00	
Unexpended, 1920	230 50	
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	\$530 50	
Expended by Rand	6 70	
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Available		\$523 80
Expended by E. R. Berry to Feb. 13, 1922		186 62
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Unexpended		\$337 18

ROAD MACHINE ACCOUNT

Unexpended balance		\$164 07
Paid for road grader	\$155 00	
Paid freight on grader	4 18	
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		\$159 18
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Unexpended		\$4 89

DISCOUNT ON TAXES

Town raised	\$200 00	
Overdrawn last year	52 73	
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Available		\$147 27
Discount on taxes paid before August 20, 1921		81 45
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Unexpended		\$65 82

MEMORIAL DAY

Unexpended balance from last year		\$8 20
Paid Col. Wm. T. Eustis for flags	\$1 33	
Paid Dr. James M. Sturtevant for flags	2 00	
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		\$3 33
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Unexpended		\$4 87

LOAN

Unpaid at settlement	\$500 00
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Paid for sheep killed by dogs		\$96 00
Due from State for sheep killed	\$96 00	

CEMETERY FUND

Will Putnam, fund in hands of town treasurer	\$200 00	
Two years' interest, due March 1, 1922	16 00	
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Total		\$216 00

PAUPER ACCOUNT

Town raised		\$100 00
Paid State of Maine, Mabel Cushman acct.	\$ 18 91	
Raymond Cushman acct.	153 05	
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		\$171 96
Overdrawn	\$71 96	
Paid for medical attendance upon Mrs. Mike Waluszes		\$30 00
Received from overseers of poor of town of Rumford on Mrs. Mike Waluszes account	\$30 00	

STATE PAUPER ACCOUNT

Paid for support of Laura Boucher and children, December 31, 1920, to December 31, 1921		\$429 49
Received from State of Maine for first three quarters of 1921		253 30
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Due from State for last quarter of 1921		\$176 19

ABATEMENTS

1921 COMMITMENT

A. L. Coburn, round-edged lumber, over valued	\$10 00
Dan. McFarland, paid elsewhere	3 00
I. T. Hutchinson, error in assessment	3 00
Webb River Grange Corporation, customary	13 30

ACCOUNTS OVERDRAWN

School books and supplies	\$ 32 91	
School office expense account	4 03	
Superintendent's salary	24 50	
Pauper account	71 96	
Summer roads account	192 57	
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Total		\$325 97

CURRENT EXPENSES

Town raised	\$800 00	
Overdrawn, 1920-21	166 77	
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Amount available		\$633 23

Printing town reports, 1920	\$47 52	
Books and supplies	14 02	
Insurance on town office to 1924	8 24	
Paid H. H. Brown, care of silent policeman	12 00	
Repairs of silent policeman	2 58	
For services balance due L. S. Libby as select- man, 1920-1921	4 00	
Postage balance due L. S. Libby	42	
Fighting fire at Mike Waluszes, D. C. Brown	2 00	
Asa Flagg	1 00	
Dr. J. S. Sturtevant, birth certificate	1 00	
Dr. V. O. White, birth certificate	50	
D. W. Berry, watering trough, 1921	3 00	
D. W. Berry, services as ballot clerk	2 50	
D. W. Berry, fire warden	3 00	
A. W. Tainter, watering trough	3 00	
J. S. Hammond, watering trough	2 00	
E. R. Berry, services as town clerk	24 79	
D. W. Berry, sealer of weights and measures	3 00	
A. L. Coburn, services on school committee	5 00	
A. L. Coburn, services as moderator	2 00	
C. E. White, truant officer	7 50	
C. E. White, ballot clerk	2 50	
C. E. White, constable	9 00	
R. C. Swett, collecting on 1921 commitment	132 84	

D. W. Berry, services as treasurer	\$50 00	
L. S. Libby, services as selectman	86 30	
G. C. Robbins, services as selectman	78 00	
R. G. Noyes, services as selectman	64 00	
L. S. Libby, postage to Feb. 16	1 70	
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		\$573 41
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Unexpended balance		\$59 82

RESOURCES

Due from D. W. Berry, commitment 1919	\$ 20 73	
D. W. Berry, commitment 1920	80 84	
R. C. Swett, commitment 1921	282 10	
State, Laura Boucher acct. to Dec.	.	
31, 1921	176 19	
State, for sheep killed	96 00	
Town office and fixtures	200 00	
Lots No. 8 in 4 and 5 range	400 00	
Southwest corner of lot No. 2 in 12 range	1,000 00	
Geo. Thompson land	15 00	
Pauper lot, Ellis cemetery	5 00	
Cash in treasury	829 99	
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Total		\$3,105 85

LIABILITIES

Cemetery fund, W. E. Putnam Est.	\$200 00	
Interest on same to Mar. 1	16 00	
Loan on Rumford Falls Trust Co.	500 00	
Due A. L. Coburn, for plank, Rand's bills, 1920	5 00	
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		\$721 00
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Balance in favor of town		\$2,484 85

February 16, 1922.

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER S. LIBBY,

GUY C. ROBBINS,

R. G. NOYES,

Selectmen of Carthage.

LABOR ON SUMMER ROADS, 1921-22

	1921	
	SUMMER	WINTER
Chester Brown	\$21 79	
E. R. Berry	34 42	\$11 50
Chester Brown	16 88	
D. D. Berry and team	93 83	
E. R. Berry	53 75	
Chester Brown	34 00	
Gardner Brown	6 34	
D. D. Berry and team	61 75	10 00
E. R. Berry	16 90	
Chester Brown	26 51	10 00
Carroll Maxwell	6 00	
Fred Morrison and team	13 00	
Stetson Hutchinson	7 50	
E. R. Berry	58 00	
Ivas Hutchinson	3 00	
E. H. Staples and team	4 50	
L. E. Judkins	1 32	
Joe Locklin	6 00	11 50
Glenwood Berry	4 00	
D. D. Berry and team	40 00	
E. R. Berry	14 00	
H. L. Smith	10 64	7 53
C. C. Noyes with truck	12 00	
Hazen Cochran	3 50	
R. C. Swett and team	19 00	
Hazen Cochran	3 00	
Will Hutchinson	9 75	
R. G. Noyes, man and team	12 00	
Fred Morrison and team	6 00	
Carroll Libby	3 00	12 00
A. D. Virgin		11 75
Hiram Crush		16 00
Tyler Hutchinson		13 00
Will Hutchinson		16 25
G. C. Robbins		13 00
Joseph Jordan		7 56
John Hammond and team		9 75

	1921	
	SUMMER	WINTER
A. H. Barnett and team		\$14 52
John Hutchinson		1 50
Laforest Hutchinson		16 80
Leo Houghton		3 96
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	\$602 38	\$186 62

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS, 1921

SUMMER ROADS

C. E. White, for plank	\$236 00	
L. S. Libby, for dynamite	18 10	
L. S. Libby, for freight on dynamite	3 06	
G. C. Robbins, one chain	3 10	
A. L. Coburn, plank	107 96	
E. R. Berry, tools	2 85	
L. S. Libby, smith bill	19 10	
Berger Mfg. Co., culverts	62 40	
C. T. F. Smith, tools and spikes	8 82	
Ernest Parsons, tools	4 00	
Harry Smith, stringers	1 00	
R. G. Noyes, drag plank	4 00	
R. G. Noyes, cedar posts and plank	22 48	
C. H. Towle, tools and cement	6 75	
A. W. Tainter, cedar rails	1 00	
A. W. Tainter, housing snow plow	1 50	
Fred Morrison, plank	6 36	
L. S. Libby, smith bill	2 08	
	<hr/>	\$510 56
Plank sold to State		19 24
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		\$491 32

LABOR ON 50-50 ROAD, 1921

E. R. Berry	\$26 32
Chester Brown	17 28
W. D. Berry and team	35 77
Stetson Hutchinson	8 91

L. E. Judkins	\$5 94	
Caleb Hirtle	1 48	
Dynamite	3 76	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

LABOR ON STATE AID ROAD, 1921

Town raised	\$300 00	
Rec'd from State	798 00	
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Expended	\$1,098 00	

E. R. BERRY, *Road Commissioner.*

Treasurer's Report

*D. W. Berry, in account with the Town of Carthage, as Treasurer,
for the year ending February 16, 1922:*

DR.

To cash in treasury at beginning of the year	\$ 480 49
Received from D. W. Berry, collector, 1918	27 08
D. W. Berry, collector, 1919	72 41
D. W. Berry, collector, 1920	242 39
D. W. Berry, interest on taxes	10 96
R. C. Swett, collector, 1921	6,788 69
State Treas., soldier's pension, bal. due 1920	48 00
State Treas., soldier's pension, 1921	48 00
D. W. Berry, old road machine wheels sold	5 00
W. J. Wheeler & Co., insurance premium	2 85
Town of Weld, tuition	20 00
H. H. Brown, damage to silent policeman	2 50
Town of Rumford, pauper acct.	30 00
E. R. Berry, dog licenses collected	46 00
State Treas., High school acct.	40 00
Support of paupers, 1920-21	320 50
School and mill tax	214 06
Common school fund, 1921	335 13
R. R. and telegraph tax	2 45
Culvert and plank bought of town	50 44
Equalization fund	137 00
L. S. Libby, for iron bought of town	30
L. L. Hutchinson, for iron bought of town	35
Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan	1,499 80
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	\$10,424 41

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Paid Marriam N. Mason, State pension, 1921	\$ 48 00
State Treasurer, State Aid highway	300 00
County Treas., county tax, 1921	308 49
E. R. Berry, dog licenses, 1921	46 00
State Treasurer, joint road fund, 1921	336 62
Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan and interest	1,571 50
State tax, 1921	1,095 38
Town orders cancelled	5,888 43
Cash in treasury	829 99
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	\$10,424 41

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BERRY, *Treasurer.*

DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS

1919 COMMITMENT

W. F. Howard	\$7 87
H. H. Schanz	8 50
R. J. Newton	3 00
Westley Cushman	1 36
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	\$20 73

1920 COMMITMENT

W. O. Burgess	\$40 47
W. F. Howard	14 31
H. H. Schanz	12 25
Geo. Stevens	10 17
R. J. Newton	2 00
Westley Cushman	1 64
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	\$80 84

1921 COMMITMENT

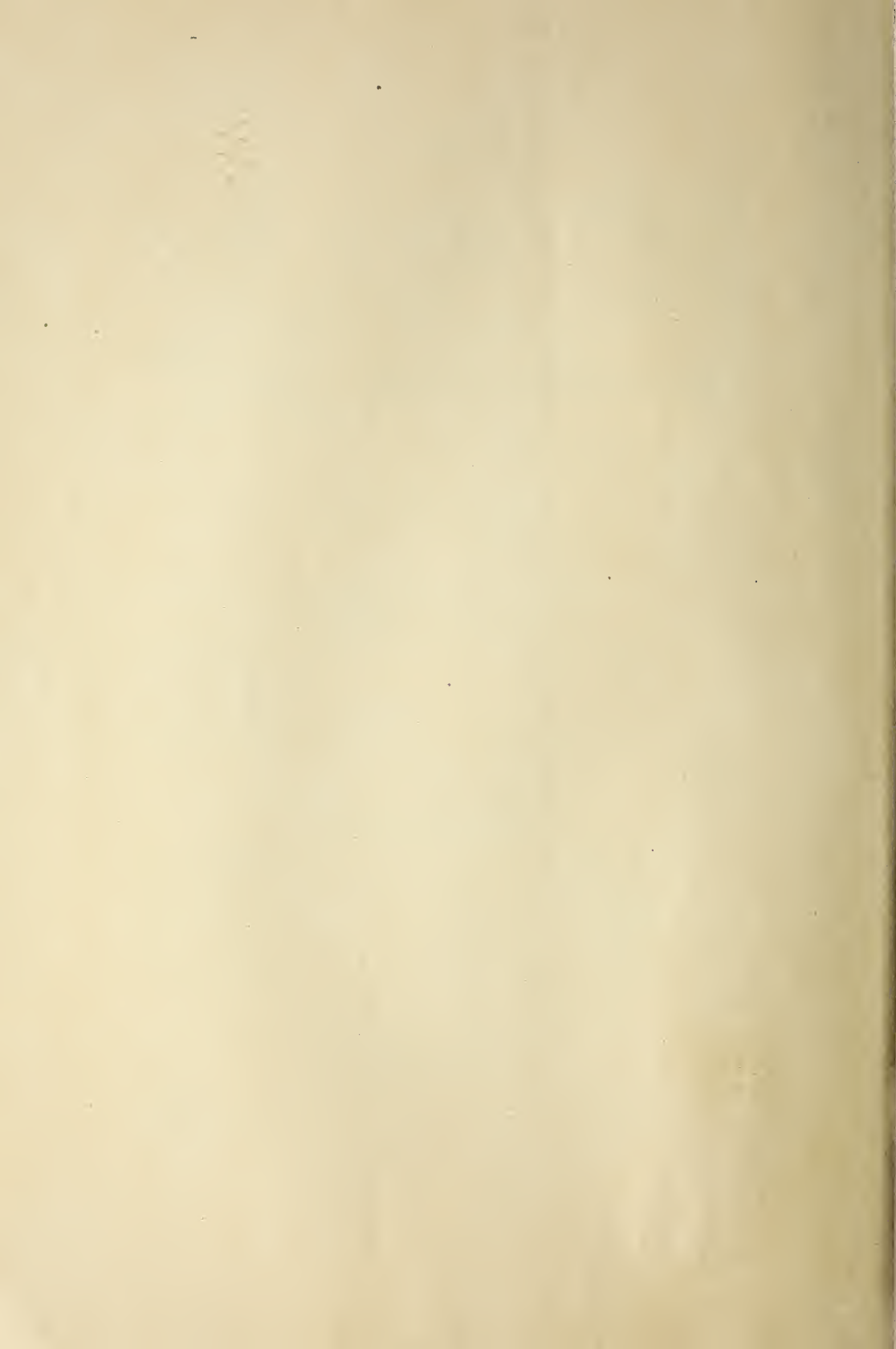
Ira Hatch	\$ 3 80
W. O. Burgess	30 63
L. L. Hutchinson	29 40

George Knowles	\$ 2 96
Warren Pettengill	34 81
E. H. Staples	42 70
Vern Brown	3 09
Cliff Judkins	3 00
H. H. Schanz	9 50

Collected since settlement with treasurer

\$116 02

\$159 89



VITAL STATISTICS

To the Selectmen of Carthage:

The following returns of births, marriages and deaths for the year ending Feb. 14, 1922, in the town of Carthage, have been made to this office:

BIRTHS

1921

- April 29 — To the wife of George Knowles, a son, 1st child.
- April 30 — To the wife of Elmer J. Wills, a daughter, 3rd child.
- May 3 — To the wife of Joe Locklin, a son, 5th child.
- July 28 — To the wife of Perley G. Noyes, a daughter, 9th child.
- Sept. 2 — To the wife of E. R. Berry, a daughter, stillborn.
- Oct. 5 — To the wife of Laforest Hutchinson, a son, 7th child.
- Nov. 8 — To the wife of Leo Houghton, a daughter, 1st child.
- Dec. 27 — To the wife of H. Willis Berry, a son, 5th child.

MARRIAGES

1921

- Feb. 27 — At Wilton, Me., by Rev. J. C. McDonald of Wilton, Me., Abner Stickney of Carthage and Ellen Webster of East Dixfield, Me.
- July 23 — At Weld, Maine, by Rev. Ira E. Pinney of Weld, Me., Pearl Henry Abbott of Weld and Verda G. Hutchinson of Carthage.
- Nov. 28 — At Rumford, Me., by Rev. E. C. Jenkins of Rumford, Elmer F. Mayhew of Carthage, Me., and Mable L. Wood of Phillips, Me.

DEATHS

1921

- Aug. 18 — Celestia A. Noyes, age 66 yrs. 10 mos. 19 days. Cause of death, carcinorum of uterus, duration indefinite.

Dec. 4 — Ralph Noyes, age 6 yrs. 8 mos. 21 days. Cause of death, shock, result of injury to abdomen, duration 28 hours.

1922

Jan. 23 — Marion M. Mason, age 86 yrs. 24 days. Cause of death, Ateriosclerosis and results, duration several years.

E. R. BERRY,

Town Clerk of Carthage.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Citizens of the Town of Carthage:

I have the honor to present for your consideration the annual report of the condition of your schools.

School administration during the past year has been less of a problem than for the two previous years. The teacher shortage has been relieved to a great extent by the return to the profession of many teachers who were engaged in war work, and by the fact that increased salary schedules are in evidence throughout the State. Teachers' salaries have almost doubled in the last five years and as a result of this increase every Normal school in the State has the largest registration in its history. This is a most pleasing condition to school officials for it means that before many years, every school will be under the skillful guidance of a trained teacher. When that time comes the child in the small rural district will receive equal teaching benefits with the child in the larger communities, and the ideal situation will exist.

I am pleased to report a slowly increasing percentage of attendance every year. The spring terms showed 43 pupils registered with an average attendance of 84.8%, the fall terms, 40 registered with an average of 89.1%, and the winter terms, 37 registered with an average of 82.7% or a percentage for the year of 85.6%. This is not so large as it should be by any means and I shall expect to see an average of 90% another year. We are educating our children not only for their own good but for the future safety and prosperity of the community, and parents should realize that regular attendance means just so much more benefit to the child, and to the town.

Beginning with the present school year attendance means a money value to the town. Under the new school law for the distribution of the State school fund, one-fifth of that fund or approximately \$370,000.00 will be apportioned to the several towns on the basis of attendance. By this method of apportionment each day's attendance

of a pupil means nearly two cents to the town. This does not sound very large but it means about \$3.00 for every child who is at school every day in the year, and should prove a further incentive to the patriotic citizen to see to it that his child be at school unless absolutely prevented by illness.

There has been no school at the Ellis district this year, the pupils from that neighborhood being transported to the Potter school. The children in the Stickney have been attending the East Dixfield school for the whole year, at a cost of \$76.20 for tuition and \$180.00 for conveyance. This is not only a money-saving arrangement to the town but it is much more beneficial to the pupils than to try to run a school with four or five scholars.

The schools have been very satisfactory for the past year. The teachers have shown much interest in their work and the results obtained are to be commended. Both Mrs. Coburn and Miss Bowie are teachers of experience and ability and their success in instruction and school management is too well known to need any comment. Miss Humphrey is teaching her first school and although lacking previous experience, is making good with the small children at the Potter school.

During the year one side of the Newman building has been shingled, and some general repair work done at the Mills. We need new blackboard surface in both these schools, either slated cloth or Hyloplate, and this should be furnished this spring.

The Potter building is in very bad shape and is not a suitable place to hold a school. Steps should be taken to put this building in decent shape this summer if it is the intention to maintain a school there in the future, and I hope the matter will be thoroughly discussed at the annual meeting. It needs general renovation, new floor, walls and ceiling, new seats, a change in the lighting and toilet conditions and more blackboard room. It is pretty hard to estimate the cost of repairing an old building, as usually more is found necessary to be done than we expect; however, I should think \$700.00 ought to do the job. This is a large sum to ask the town to raise but I trust the citizens appreciate the urgency of the case and will give the matter careful consideration.

Under a law passed at the last legislature every school building must be equipped with a sanitary toilet before the fall of 1924. The Mills school is thus equipped, leaving the Newman and Potter to be done during the next three summers. There is a possibility of re-

ceiving State aid in this project but there is no certainty of it at present. Should the town not see fit to remodel the Potter building this year I would strongly recommend that the toilet conditions at the Newman be standardized during the summer vacation.

The schools are very well equipped with text-books at present, the principal need being supplementary reading material for the lower grades, and a further continuance of the plan of furnishing new English books as they are required.

During the summer the Potter school was equipped with a new flag and flag pole. This year a flag pole must be erected at the Newman building, and a flag purchased for the Mills. A small estimate is made for this purpose.

The estimates as presented below have received careful consideration, and include all overdrafts. We have planned on a thirty-two week school year, using the State equalization fund for that purpose and putting a small sum with it in order to make a twelve week spring term, thus meeting the State requirements as to the disposition of this fund.

In closing I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the teachers and the members of the School Committee for the active interest they have shown in all school matters and for the assistance they have given me in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. COBURN, *Superintendent.*

ESTIMATES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

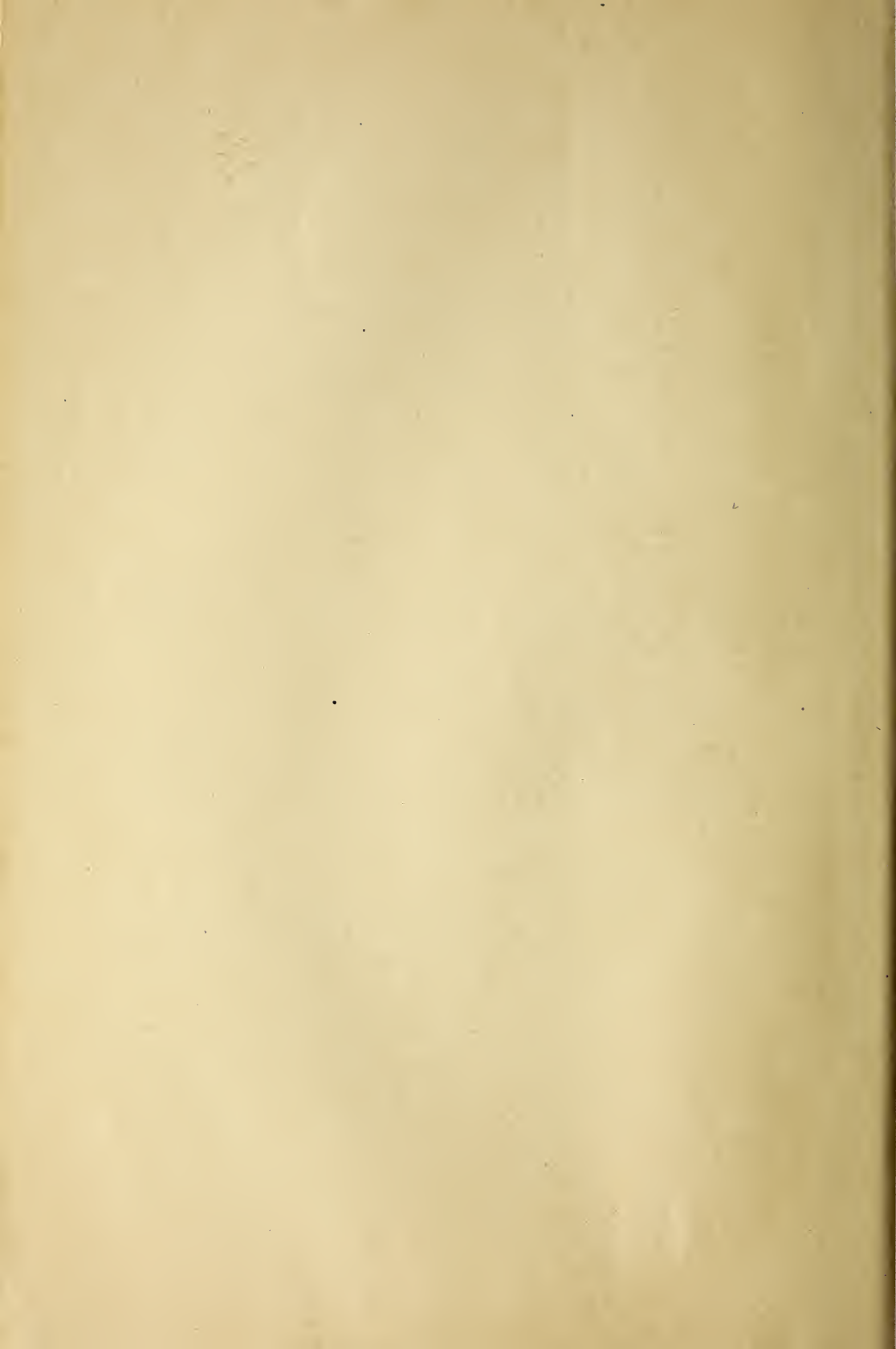
Common schools	\$1,500 00
Interest on school fund	45 00
Books and supplies	125 00
Repairs	750 00
Superintendence	289 50
Office expense	20 00
Flags	15 00

Tabular School Statement

SCHOOL	Number Registered	Average Attendance	TEACHER	Weekly Salary
Spring, 1921				
Newman	18	15.07	Della' Coburn	\$18 50
Mills	12	10.31	Lula Stevens	18 50
Potter	13	11.10	Hilda Bowie	13 50
	<hr/> 43	<hr/> 36.48		
Attendance, 84 8 per cent.				
Fall, 1921				
Newman	12	10.33	Della Coburn	20 00
Mills	20	17.85	Hilda Bowie	18 00
Potter	8	7.47	Hilda Humphrey	12 50
	<hr/> 40	<hr/> 35.65		
Attendance, 89.1 per cent.				
Winter, 1922				
Newman	11	8.32	Della Coburn	20 00
Mills	19	16.40	Hilda Bowie	18 00
Potter	7	5.90	Hilda Humphrey	12 50
	<hr/> 37	<hr/> 30.62		
Attendance, 82.7 per cent.				

Percentage of attendance for year, 85.6

Newman, 82.2 — Mills, 87.36 — Potter, 87.39











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